(iii) Shalakyatantra and (iv) Panchakarma with admission capacity of four seats in each subject. Permission could not be given to the Government Ayurveda College, Kannur because the college did not possess the necessary staff and infrastructure prescribed in the regulations.

Toxication of milk products

90. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has noticed any case as that of in China, of toxic contamination of milk by any of the major public and private milk producing companies;

(b) if so, whether any steps have been taken to arrest and discourage such unfair practices; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No such instances have come to the notice of this Ministry about toxic contamination of milk with melamine by any of the major public and private milk producing companies.

(b) and (c) Sale of milk or a milk product containing a substance not found in milk, except as provided in the PFA Rules, 1955 is prohibited. Any violation of the provision of the Act/Rules attracts legal action.

The Food (Health) Authorities of the States/UTs who are responsible for implementation of Prevention of Food Adulteration Act in their States/UT.s have been requested to keep a strict vigil on quality of milk specially with regard to contamination of milk with melamine, a compound which is used to form synthetic resins and not permitted in food products, as reported in China.

Strike by doctors in Andhra Pradesh

91. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the patients in hospitals suffered due to the strike of doctors in Andhra Pradesh recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that many deaths occurred due to strike in the agency areas like East and West Godavari, Visakhapatnam districts in Andhra Pradesh;

(d) if so, what action Government has taken on doctors; and

(e) what guidelines the Ministry will issue in such circumstances to the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (e) Health being a state subject, the information with regard to the disruption of patient care services due to the strike of doctors are not maintained centrally. However, so far the Central Government Hospitals are concerned, the